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SUMMARY: SOVIET MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CONTACT REQUESTS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSED U. S. PROJECTS THIS
PROGRAM (WEED ONCTROLA AND SUNFLOWERS). HIS COMMENT ON
CLOSED AREA PROBLEM NOT ENCOURAGING. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CONTACT CONTACTED AGATTACHE
OFFICE REGARDING PROPOSED VISITS OF U. S. SCIENTISTS ON BIO-
LOGICAL CONTROL OF SALSOLA AND HALOGETON, AS WELL AS SUNFLOWER
BREEDING. HE SPECIFICALLY WANTED NAMES AND IDENTIFICATION
OF SCIENTISTS PROPOSED, INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY WISHED TO DO
HERE, AND DETAILED PROPOSED ITINERARIES. SADI HE HAD WRITTEN
TO VARIOUS REPUBLICS WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED AND WAS WAITING
FOR RESPONSE.

2. ASSISTANT AGATTACHE INFORMED HIM WHO HAWKES IS AND THAT
HE WANTED TO STUDY SALSOLA AND HALOGETON. CLAIMED NO OTHER
DETAILS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT EXCEPT HAWKES GENERALLY INTERESTED
IN STUDYING WEEDS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS -- I. E., CENTRAL
ASIA. ADDITIONAL DETAILS NOT PROVIDED IN ACCORD STRATEGY
SUGGESTED IN AGATTACHE BROWN' S LETTER TO DR. WEISS ON
FEBRUARY 13.

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3. SOVIET CONTACT INDICATED SUNFLOWER PROJECT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO ARRANGE THAN WEED PROJECT IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CLOSED AREA PROBLEMS. ASSISTANT AGATTACHE RESPONDED BY QUOTING LAST SENTENCE OF NOVEMBER 14 LETTER MCCANN TO WARD: " THE VALUE OF THIS EXPEDITION WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE EXTENT OF ACCESS OUR COLLECTOR WILL HAVE TO NATURAL STANDS OF HALOGETON AND SALSOLA IN THEIR NATIVE HOMELAND." STRONG HOPE THAT IN VIEW ABOVE, SUCH ACCESS WOULD BE ACCORDED WAS REITERATED BUT SOVIET CONTACT' S ONLY RESPONSE WAS A PREGNANT SILENCE.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE CITED REFERENCE AND RESPONSE NOT SURPRISING BUT HARDLY PROMISING.

5. STAN BROWN RETURNS THIS OFFICE MARCH 28. SUGGEST YOU SUPPLY US ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ALONG LINES DESIRED SOVIET CONTACT ASAP SO THAT AGATTACHE CAN CONVEY LATEST INFORMATION TO SIVET AS APPROPRIATE. IF NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE, PLEASE SO INFORM US.

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